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The Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Gary Craig Stephens v. United States.
S. Ct. No. 25-6563

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on January 8, 2026, and placed on the docket on January 13, 2026. The government's response is now due, after one extension, on April 6, 2026. We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension to and including May 6, 2026, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is necessary because the attorneys with principal responsibility for final preparation of the government's response have been heavily engaged with the press of previously assigned matters with proximate due dates.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Sincerely,

D. John Sauer
Solicitor General

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